



AMONG US MORTALS

"Getting Back to Normal"

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A loan drive is in progress and three privates down in front sink into their seats, feeling sure that some one is going to ask "Are there any men in uniform here? Will they please stand up?" and then they will have to be auctioned off. Private Joe Fritz, in the centre, states that until the theatres get down to normal, or words to that effect, he "ain't goin' to 'em, by gee, and be part of the show!"



"I simply can't drag Arthur anywhere in the evening, he's an awful stay at home," was Mrs. Bagg's wail before the war. Since Captain Bagg got his discharge Mrs. Bagg has discovered that an evening at home is somewhat harder to manage than heretofore. "Hustle into your things, dearie," says the ex-captain, "I'm going to reserve a couple of seats for 'The Little Lady in Bed' and then we'll take in a cabaret or two after!" Mrs. Bagg, who hates musical shows and cabarets, is hoping that a month or two will see her husband back to normal.



"I remember the first time I saw you, Harry — Ex-members of something or other connected with the War Department in Washington get together for a little bi-monthly reunion to talk over the great war.

Private Frankie Bangs, discharged, is home again. Although job hunting, he hopes he won't find one just yet—say for a couple of weeks or so.

Eddie, late of the air service, is just a week out of uniform and back on the old job. Eddie has been all afternoon writing copy for a farm tractor "ad" and can't seem to concentrate.



When Mike joined the army, Delia, in an outburst of patriotism, volunteered to hold down Mike's job till he returned. Now that the war is over and Mike home, Delia is not so sure she wants to give it back. "All right, kid," says Mike, "if you can support us both on the wages, go to it!"



Stewart, who has reached the first big town and is being entertained by Margery, the reconstruction worker (they used to be war workers), does not show signs of homesickness. It looks as though the Roswell Centre folks would have to come and lead Stewart back to civil life.



Centre way, "Mom" and "Pop" and "Gram" and "Aunt Lou" are waiting and wondering "why the government is so slow in discharging dear Stewart, who must be so homesick by this time."